

Budget Workshop  
August 30, 2004

The Freeport City Council met for a workshop at 7:00pm on August 30, 2004.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members, Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Earl King, Janice McLean, and Ray Jackson were present. Also present Clerk Riley and Bookkeeper Robin Haynes. City Attorney Adkinson was also present.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Marse opened the third budget workshop meeting.

The fire department was a main topic within the General Fund budget. Part time Chief Ray Sullivan stated that he is requesting a salary of \$27,500 for full time chief, while requesting two part time employees at @ 8.50 per hour. It was noted by Attorney Adkinson that MSBU funds are for equipment only and an impact fee could not be used for payments on equipment bought prior to the impact fee enactment. He stated that the City must format a job description and advertise for the position of a full time fire chief. The impact fees must be justified for the City to implement such a fee. After much discussion the preliminary General Fund will be \$815,885. This budget includes the fire department at \$143,000. The Council will look at the line items and see if approved at a later date. Attorney Adkinson recommended rescinding Resolution #04-11 at the next Council meeting, because some items do not meet certain criteria's.

Councilwoman McLean reviewed the sewer budget, with a tentative figure of \$255,200. This figure includes \$25,000 from the water department for unexpected expenditures.

The water department tentative budget remains at \$1,184,800, which including North Bay.

The first public budget hearing is slated for September 7, 2004 at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Diane Riley, City Clerk

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Janice McLean, President of Council